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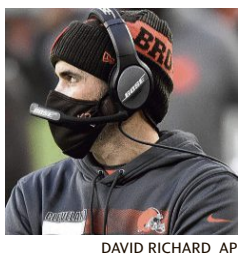
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People in the House gallery seek safety as rioters try to break into the House chamber on Wednesday. Members of Congress were evacuated during the breach of the Capitol.

Trump supporters disrupt meeting of Congress to count electoral votes

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WASHINGTON

Hundreds of rioters encouraged by President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, crashing through police lines to lay siege to the building and force a halt to the constitutional process of certifying the Electoral College count after the Nov. 3 presidential election.

Americans watched in horror as the mob scaled walls and smashed windows at the Capitol, which has been closed to visitors throughout the coronavirus pandemic. The intrusion came as both houses of Congress were debating an objection raised by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, to the counting of Arizona's Electoral College votes.

As the violence raged on Capitol Hill, the White House announced that Trump had directed the National Guard to help law enforcement quell the unrest.

The president, who hours earlier had encouraged his supporters to march on the Capitol, issued a video statement in which he doubled down on his false claims that the election was stolen from him while calling on the rioters to leave.

"You have to go home now. We have to have peace. We have to have law and order," he said. "We don't want anybody hurt — it's a very tough period

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Georgia wins give Senate control to Democrats

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ATLANTA

Democrats won both Georgia Senate seats – and with them, the U.S. Senate majority – as final votes were counted Wednesday, serving President Donald Trump a stunning defeat in his last days in office while dramatically improving the fate of President-elect Joe Biden's progressive agenda.

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Democrats Jon Ossoff, left, and the Rev. Raphael Warnock won their runoff elections for Georgia's two U.S. Senate seats.

Plan unveiled to fight discrimination in fire department

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The Kansas City Fire Department will reaffirm to its nearly 1,300 members within the next 90 days that it has no tolerance for discrimination, following an investigation by The Star that found systemic racism and harassment had been allowed to flourish.

Brian Platt, the new city manager, on Wednesday circulated Fire Chief Donna Lake's plan to address the department's culture, along with an update on what his office is doing to mitigate discrimination across the city's departments.

Lake's six-point plan addresses issues ranging from identifying disparities in the ranks to issuing an annual report on diversity, equity and

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KC police pay $725,000 to settle teen's assault suit

Kansas City police commissioners agreed to pay $725,000 to settle an excessive use of force allegation against the department and a police sergeant who was charged with assault after he allegedly forced his knee on the back of the teen's head during an arrest.

The amount of the settlement involving a 2019 incident at 51st Street and Troost Avenue was obtained by The Star through a Missouri open records request to the police department. A judge approved the settlement on Nov. 17. **Story, 2A**

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